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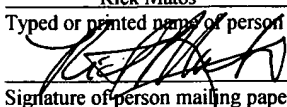
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Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant petitions for a ONE-month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed November 2, 2001, a response to which was due December 2, 2001. This petition, if granted, will extend the period for response until January 2, 2002, which does not exceed the statutory period.

The enclosed check includes the amount of \$55.00 in payment of the extension fee.

In view of the foregoing it is requested that this petition be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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